

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PLANT AND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION FORM

The Ballona Wetlands Existing Conditions Report has been assembled by an exceptional team of scientists and engineers based upon a thorough and wide-ranging review of the literature and available data. However, the document will remain open for comment and addition as conditions change and new data become available during the restoration process.

The Plant and Wildlife Observation field observation form is your chance to provide your input to the Existing Condition Report. We would appreciate you submitting field observations of rare, threaten, endangered or sensitive species, as well as species unique to wetlands and their associated habitats on these forms. The form itself and these instructions are liberally based upon the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) format developed by the state Department of Fish and Game.

Reports on multiple visits to the same sites are as important as new site information as it helps us track trends in population/stand size and condition.

Essential information needed is in the top three boxes of the observation form, and include the date and time, species name (preferably scientific), map grid location, number of individuals, name of reporter and contact information. Also, a copy of the field observation map with a marked location of your observation is required.

Further information on the observation form is not required, however, a complete observation form will provide the ideal set of information needed to improve the Existing Conditions Report.

Thank you for your help making the Ballona Wetlands Existing Conditions Report, and the Ballona Restoration process as a whole the best it can be.

If you have further questions please contact sbergquist@waterboards.ca.gov.